



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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Statewide Agro-Terrorism Functional Exercise Set for Feb 24-25

Agro-terrorism exercise invitation letters have been sent to State Agency Directors. The purpose of the Agro-Terrorism Functional Exercise is to familiarize State agencies with protocols for responding to an agro-terrorism incident. The exercise will evaluate the State's capability to respond and demonstrate familiarity with the State Emergency Operations Plan, Standard Operating Procedures, and activation of the State Emergency Operations Center. The Missouri Department of Agriculture will be evaluated on the activation of their EOC, and deployment of their District Veterinary Teams. Several exercise objectives include: integration of criminal and epidemiological investigations among law enforcement, veterinarians and the public health laboratory, Joint Public Information, bio-security to reduce the spread of contamination, monitoring and surveillance of Missouri's agriculture/livestock industry.

State Agencies invited to participate include: SEMA, Homeland Security, Agriculture, Transportation, Health & Senior Services, Conservation, Highway Patrol, Mental Health, Corrections, Economic Developments, Missouri National Guard, State Fire Marshal's Office and the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

Federal Agencies invited to participate are: USDA – Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services/Veterinary Services; USDA Wildlife Services, FBI, EPA, FEMA Region VII, and the US Army Corps of Engineers

Other Organizations/businesses invited to participate include: Barry County EMA, Boone County EMA, Jasper County EMA, Willow Brook Foods, Joplin Regional Stockyards, Four Corners EMA (Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas & Missouri), MU Outreach & Extension, MU Environmental Health & Safety, Food & Agriculture Policy Research Institute, MU Research Farm, the following Missouri Associations: Sheep Producers, Poultry Producers, Cattlemen's Assn, Pork Producers, and the Missouri Veterinary Medical Assn.

Payment Procedures for the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) Grant

The purpose of this article is to discuss the invoice payment procedures for those jurisdictions that are working with the contractor, The Louis Berger Group, Inc., to update the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)

The procedures to pay the invoices from the contractor are as follows:

- The jurisdiction must complete the Request for Payment form and send it to SEMA along with a copy of the invoice from The Louis Berger Group.
- SEMA will process the check and send it to the jurisdiction along with a copy of the invoice and payment request.
- The jurisdiction should deposit the check and then pay The Louis Berger Group.

Emergency Management Directors should discuss these payment procedures with those county or city officials who are responsible for depositing the check and paying the contractor.

Please check your records to see that you have requested payment from SEMA for each of the invoices received to date and that you have followed through and paid the contractor upon receipt of the check. Representatives of The Louis Berger Group are currently making follow up visits to those jurisdictions that Berger records show as having unpaid invoices.

If you have any questions regarding payment, please contact your Area Coordinator or call Janice Bexten at the SEMA office in Jefferson City, 573-526-9122.

SEMA Training Courses Have Student Openings

State Training Officer Jim Charrier announced these courses have openings for potential students. If there are not enough students, these classes might be in danger of being canceled. If you are interested in attending one of these classes, please register on line at the SEMA homepage or download the application and fax it to Becky Imhoff in Training at: (573) 634-7966.

Feb. 24-25:	ICS/EOC Interface (POST)	Independence
Feb 24-26:	Emergency Response to Terrorism T-t-T (POST)	Jefferson City
Mar 9-11:	Effective Communications (POST)	Kansas City
Mar 23-25:	Exercise Design & Evaluation (POST)	Chillicothe
Mar 23-25:	Threat & Risk Assessment	St. Louis
April 6-7:	Leadership & Influence (POST)	Kansas City
April 8:	Decision Making & Problem Solving (POST)	Kansas City
April 19-22:	ICT (T-t-T) (POST)	Jefferson City
April 27-29:	ICS Basic	St. Louis

SEMA Newsletter Goes to Electronic Distribution

Beginning January 1, the SEMA newsletter will be distributed electronically and posted to the homepage www.sema.dps.mo.gov. In an effort to save both newsletter printing and mailing costs, state departments were directed to distribute newsletters via email. County EMDs and Presiding Commissioners, who do not have email, may ask County Clerks to request the newsletter notice via their secretary of state email accounts. City officials and emergency management directors, who do not have email, may use local library Internet connection to access the SEMA homepage. All documents on the SEMA homepage may be downloaded and printed.

RPCs Host Briefings on Homeland Security Grants

At the invitation of the Regional Planning Commissions, SEMA's Deputy Director Buck Katt and/or Operations Chief Jim Wakeman are updating local officials on the status of Homeland Security Grants received earlier this year. Four briefings were conducted in January in St. James, Poplar Bluff, Sikeston and Mt. Vernon.

February briefings will be conducted on Feb. 9 in Sedalia, Feb 11 in Shelbyville, Feb 19 in St. Louis (East-West Gateway will give an update on the USAI grant for St. Louis) and Feb 26 in Camden. Additional briefings will be conducted in March.

Circle Calendars for Upcoming Conferences...

Feb 12-13:	Crisis Communications Conference	Lake of the Ozarks Contact: Cathy.Zumwalt@sema.dps.mo.gov
April 11-14:	SEMA/MEPA Spring Conference	Lake of the Ozarks Contact: Cathy.Zumwalt@sema.dps.mo.gov
April 28-29:	MO Floodplain/Stormwater Mgr Conference	Jefferson City Contact: Pam.Huhmann@sema.dps.mo.gov
June 10-12:	MVAFC Public Education Conference	Overland Park, KS Contact: SFricke@OLATHEKS.ORG

Missouri Fire Departments Receive Firefighter Grants

FEMA announced five Missouri Fire Departments recently received Fire Grants. Fire Departments receiving grants for Fire Operations & Firefighter Safety were: Boone County FPD (\$176,850); Ferguson FD (\$154,854).

Fire Departments receiving grants for Fire Fighting Vehicles were: Moody VFD (\$60,300), Howardville FD (\$63,000).

Fire Departments receiving grants for Fire Prevention were: Boonville FD (\$43,344).

Nebraska Public Power District Upgrades Security at Brownville Nuclear Plant

Editor's Note: NPPD owns the Brownville Nuclear Plant Station on the Missouri River across from Atchison County. Missouri Radiological Emergency Planners plan, exercise and work with officials from both the Brownville Plant and Ameren's Reform Plant in Callaway County.

Nebraska Public Power District plans to spend \$10 million by the end of October to upgrade security at its Brownville nuclear power plant in response to a mandate from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Upgrades include new vehicle barriers, new fencing and gating, infrared and motion-sensing cameras, as well as increased training of personnel to increase their ability to respond.

Fraudulent FDIC E-mails Seek Personal Consumer Information

Emails to financial institution customers that fraudulently claim to be from the FDIC attempt to obtain highly sensitive personal information, including bank account information. These emails falsely indicate that FDIC deposit insurance is suspended until the requested customer information is provided.

On Friday, January 23, 2004, FDIC Consumer Call Centers in Kansas City, Missouri, and Washington, D.C., began receiving a large number of complaints by consumers who received an email that has the appearance of being sent from the FDIC. The email informs the recipient that Department of Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge has advised the FDIC to suspend all deposit insurance on the recipient's bank account due to suspected violations of the USA PATRIOT Act. The email further indicates that deposit insurance will be suspended until personal identity, including bank account information, can be verified.

This email was not sent by the FDIC and is a fraudulent attempt to obtain personal information from consumers. Financial institutions and consumers should NOT access the link provided within the body of the email and should NOT under any circumstances provide any personal information through this media.

The FDIC is attempting to identify the source of the emails and disrupt the transmission. Until this is achieved, consumers are asked to report any similar attempts to obtain this information to the FDIC by sending information to alert@fdic.gov.

Earthquake Awareness Business Seminar Feb 5, Science Center Feb 7

Thursday, February 5, 2004, the Missouri Seismic Safety Commission is hosting a free, half-day, morning program about earthquake risk in Missouri and what businesses and organizations can do to most effectively manage that risk. Doors open at 8:00 am, the program begins at 8:30 am and will end by 11:45 am. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of Ameren.

The program will be held in the Auditorium of Ameren headquarters (1901 Chouteau; St. Louis, Mo.) and will include 1) basic information about the nature of earthquakes and the risk they pose in the central US; 2) engineering options available to manage earthquake risk to structures; and 3) other risk management planning tools available to businesses and organizations. A short video about The Boeing Company and Starbucks Coffee corporate experiences after the Seattle-area earthquake in 2001 will also be shown. This program is free. All presenters and organizers are volunteers.

This program will be worthwhile for business leaders, both within and outside of your organization; IT professionals; facility planners; operations managers; design, engineering, and construction professionals; emergency planners; first responders; and others. Attendees should RSVP to Michael Marx (mmarx@ameren.com) to help the AmerenUE security staffers accommodate entry onto the corporate property.

On **Saturday February 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, the Commission and SEMA will host a public awareness and outreach event at the St. Louis Science Center (5050 Oakland Avenue; St. Louis) More than 25 regional universities; professional organizations; local, state, and federal government agencies; the American Red Cross; regional utilities; and others will host kid-friendly displays, demonstrations, and exhibits. There will be a special "freebies" table for Teachers featuring still-usable maps, charts, and other materials suitable for classrooms.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Unveils National Cyber Alert System

The National Cyber Security Division (NCSD) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) unveiled the National Cyber Alert System, an operational system delivering to Americans timely and actionable information to better secure their computer systems.

As part of this program, Homeland Security is making available a series of information products targeted for home users and technical experts in businesses and government agencies. These e-mail products will provide timely information on computer security vulnerabilities, potential impact, and action required to mitigate threats, as well as PC security "best practices" and "how to" guidance.

Please visit DisasterHelp (<https://disasterhelp.gov>) for further information and support resources.

SEMA Installs “E Team” for SEOC Disaster Computer Applications

SEMA staff, State Agency SEOC responders, some municipalities, and the 28 Regional Homeland Security Teams will be using “E Team” disaster computer applications for messaging, logging, resource management, and GIS/Mapping applications in future SEOC disasters and exercises. The software is extremely user friendly – similar to using email.

E Team was one of several computer application packages tested by the operations branch. Initially, E Team was tested during the federally graded 50-mile ingestion pathway exercise for the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant last spring. Shortly after the exercise, the May tornadoes swept across Missouri. SEOC disaster ops staff used the system for the tornado disaster response phase. Users were able to utilize the system with minimal training. Softrisk will no longer be used by SEMA.

Those local jurisdictions using Softrisk can contact Steve Sloan at (573) 526-9144 if they have questions about E Team.

MERC, EPA Conduct Cameo training

Local Emergency Management Directors availed themselves of free Cameo training conducted by the EPA recently and sponsored by the Missouri Emergency Response Commission. Contact Bob Dopp about future classes at Bob.Dopp@sema.dps.mo.gov